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VIA ECF

MEMO ENDORSED

The Honorable Katherine Polk Failla
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse
40 Foley Square, Room 2103
New York, NY 10007

Re: *Huzhou Chuangtai Rongyuan Investment Management Partnership, et al. v. Hui Qin*, Case No. 21 Civ. 9221 (KPF) – **Petitioners’ Request for Leave to File Documents with Redactions and Under Seal**

Dear Judge Failla:

We write on behalf of Petitioners Huzhou Chuangtai Rongyuan Investment Management Partnership, Huzhou Huihengying Equity Investment Partnership, and Huzhou Huirongsheng Equity Investment Partnership (“Petitioners”) to request leave to file certain documents with redactions and certain documents under seal, pursuant to the parties’ Stipulated Protective Order dated January 3, 2023, Dkt. No. 92.

In conjunction with Petitioners’ Letter Response to Respondent Hui Qin’s (“Qin”) August 21, 2023 letter (the “Letter Response”), filed contemporaneously herewith, Petitioners respectfully request to file under seal Exhibit B to the Letter Response (a copy of Qin’s bank statements, marked Confidential and produced in this action) pursuant to Rule 9(C) of Your Honor’s Individual Rules of Practice in Civil Cases.¹

Pursuant to Rule 9 of Your Honor’s Individual Rules of Practice in Civil Cases, a party seeking to file a document under seal must address the presumption in favor of public access to judicial documents. The Second Circuit set forth the relevant standard *Lugosch v. Pyramid Co. of Onondaga*, 435 F.3d 110 (2d Cir. 2006). Under *Lugosch*, “[t]here is a common law presumption in favor of permitting public access to judicial documents, which are those documents ‘relevant to the performance of the judicial function and useful in the judicial process.’” *GoSMiLE, Inc. v. Dr. Jonathan Levine, D.M.D. P.C.*, 769 F. Supp. 2d 630, 649 (S.D.N.Y. 2011) (quoting *Lugosch*, 435 F.3d at 119). A court balances this common law presumption of access against competing comparisons, including “the privacy interests of those resisting disclosure.” *Lugosch*, 435 F.3d at

¹ Petitioners seek to file Exhibit B under seal to be accessed by Your Honor and Qin.

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120 (quoting *United States v. Amodeo*, 71 F.3d 1044, 1050 (2d Cir. 1995)). Thus, the issue is whether “the privacy interests of the defendants outweigh the presumption of public access.” *GoSMiLE*, 769 F. Supp. 2d at 649-50.

Here, Exhibit B consists of Qin’s bank statements. The parties’ interest in protecting confidential information, specifically sensitive financial information, overcomes the presumption of access. Indeed, Your Honor has previously granted Petitioners’ request to file under seal certain exhibits to protect certain sensitive financial information, which was clearly visible. *See* Dkt. 112.

Because this document contains confidential information of the kind that is deserving of protection and restricting public access, Petitioners respectfully request that the Court grant their request to file Exhibit B under seal.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Andrew C. Smith

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cc: All counsel of record (via ECF)

Application GRANTED. The Clerk of Court is directed to maintain docket entry 258 under seal, viewable only to the parties and the Court.

The Clerk of Court is further directed to terminate the motion at docket entry 256.

Dated: September 5, 2023
New York, New York

SO ORDERED.



HON. KATHERINE POLK FAILLA
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE